

**CITY OF GAHANNA
PARKS & RECREATION BOARD
MINUTES – December 2, 2009**

CALL TO ORDER:

Vice Chair Laurel Naegele called the meeting of the Parks & Recreation Board to order on Wednesday, December 2, 2009 at 7:03pm at Gahanna City Hall.

ROLL CALL:

Present:

Cynthia Franzmann
Luke Messinger
Eric Miller
Laurel Naegele
Windy McKenna
Vincent Tremante – arrived 7:07p
Diane Cantrell

Absent:

In attendance from the City, Tony Collins, Director, Troy Euton, Deputy Director, Department of Parks & Recreation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Messinger made a **MOTION** to approve the November 4, 2009 meeting minutes; seconded by McKenna. **On roll call vote:** McKenna, Yes, Messinger, Yes, Miller, Yes, Naegele, Yes, and Franzmann, Yes. **The motion carried 5-0.**

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

HEARING OF VISITORS

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Bikeway Master Plan

Collins shared that the Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC) have completed the Bikeway Master Plan of general routes. The committee has put together a route map, adopted a sign package and is working on the placements of the signs.

The route system is not necessarily a path systems, it is how you get from point A to B whether it is on or off street. The route systems consist of streets that don't have bike facilities at all (for experienced cyclist only), local subdivision street routes and off street paths. BAC is proposing an on street bike lanes and also shared lanes (Sharrows). The idea behind the route plan is as Engineer and/or the Parks budget allows for improvements these routes there is already identified route system.

The next step is for the Parks Board to make a recommendation to Planning Commission.

Tremante made a **MOTION** to recommend the November 2009 Bikeway Master Plan to Planning Commission; seconded by Miller. **On roll call vote:** Naegele, Yes, Tremante, Yes, Franzmann, Yes, McKenna, Yes, Messinger, Yes, and Miller, Yes. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Tremante, Chair took over the meeting at this time

CORRESPONDENCE

None

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Collins stated the Organizational meeting is scheduled for January 6, 2010 at 7pm.

Collins distributed the Director's Report which included updates from the department and shared some of the accomplishments from November. Collins stated that the Department is going after accreditation in 2010 and will also be revisiting/reviewing/revising the Master Plan over the next year.

The OPRA Awards Ceremony is scheduled for January 24, 2010 in Akron if anyone is interested in attending.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

AAC - No update at this time

BAC - Naegele stated that the SRTS applications were submitted and the schools submitted their non-infrastructure travel plans.

DPAC – No updates at this time

NRAC – Tremante stated that the committee is working on the final reports and should have them completed by the end of the year.

MEMBERS COMMENTS

Parks & Recreation Foundation – Naegele stated that Pooch Playground Inc. is going to donate their funds to the Foundation for a designated dog park fund. The Gala is on February 6, 2010 at the Conference and Event Center.

Veteran's Memorial Committee – McKenna stated the Dedication on November 11, 2009 was very successful and well attended. 5th grade students from Jefferson Elementary walked over to observe the ceremony. Due to scheduling issues the reading of the new bricks being dedicated were not read.

School Board report – McKenna stated the old Kroger building is down and construction is scheduled to begin in the spring. There has been lots of interest in the retail space on the first floor.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Parks & Recreation Board at this time the meeting adjourned at 8:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Crossmock, Administrative Assistant

Approved this _____ day of _____, 2010

Vinnie Tremante, Chair